GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2283
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
SUBSIDY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FERTILIZERS
MAHESHWAR SINGH;SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that according to the declaration of Prime Ministerin the year 1997, in principle an additional subsidy was sanctioned to the State of Himachal Pradesh like Jammu and Kahsmir and North-Eastern States for transportingthe fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the issue was raised in the meeting of National Council held in March, 2000 in Delhi;

(d) if so, whether the Government have given the administrative and financial sanction for the same;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided to the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (f): In pursuance of the request of Himachal Pradesh State Government, theGovernment of India has decided to extend the scheme for providing additional transport subsidy for decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilisers to Himachal Pradesh as in the cases of Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States, including Sikkim. The quantum of additional transport subsidy is being decided in consultation with the State Government. However, freight cost for transportation of urea to Himachal Pradesh is reimbursed under equated freight scheme.